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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) was submitted on September 25, 2008. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 13, 15-21 and 23-27 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach using a gate at the end of the solder supply bin. The gate pivots upon contact with balls when returning to the original position. JP 2001-148395 (US 6,413,850 Ooroku et al) teaches a rectangular frame that moves across the template, which does not teach or suggest an enclosure with a gate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MEGHA MEHTA whose telephone number is (571)270-3598. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm EST.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jessica Ward can be reached on 571-272-1223. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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